

To the DOER

The use of large bio mass plants to generate electricity is wasteful and not needed and the fact that several are being considered for Western MA is distressing as they will have an adverse effect on our forests, air quality and health, and will most definitely contribute to global warming.as they will create more C02 emissions. And I do not think that combined heat and power generating bio mass plants using wood will have a lesser carbon impact and they will still adversely affect our air quality and health.

We are in a valley here is my neck of the woods and we have had many very poor air quality days this summer. My partner, who suffers from asthma, has had more incidences of asthma episodes and has been using more medication this summer than any other year since he moved here in the mid 80's. I also work in a program that serves pre school age children and we have seen a drastic increase in asthma in very young children in the past few years. If air quality is this bad already, imagine what it will be like to breath the air when one or more bio mass plants are added to the mix.

We can not let the greed of developers set the course for our energy policies. We need to think of the effects our policies will have on our environment, our precious resources, the health of our communities, and always be conscious of how our actions will impact future generations.

I am asking you to discontinue the funding of so called "clean energy "  
renewable energy credits to wood burning bio mass plants and support those technologies that really are clean energy sources such as wind, solar, hydro, geothermal and, most importantly, conservation efforts.

Sincerely,  
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